Monitoring the Production of Essential Drugs

1321. SHRIMATI PRATIBHA SINGH:
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Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are monitoring the production of essential drugs;

(b) if so, names of the drugs;

(c) what was the production of each drug during 1989-90, 1990-91 and from 1st April, 1991 to 30th September, 1991;

(d) what are the names of those drugs whose production have fallen and what is the percentage;

(e) what is the reason of fall in production; and

(f) what are the names of drugs which are covered under the wholesale price index and what was the price of each on 1st January, 1991 and what is the present price?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Monitoring and Evaluation Section monitors the production of some identified bulk drugs in the organised sector. The details of the production of some essential bulk drugs for the period 1989-90 are available in the Annual Report of the Department of Chemicals & Petrochemicals placed in the Parliament Library. However, the production data for 1990-91 and from 1-4-90 to 30-9-91 is not readily available.

(d) The names of some drugs whose production has fallen are given in the annexure.

(e) The reasons for fall in production depends upon various factors like availability of imported raw materials, economic viability aspect, drug obsolescence, introduction of better and more potent and safer drugs market demand etc.

(f) The names of the bulk drugs included in the wholesale price index and their prices, as requierd are given below:—

Name of the drug	Price as on 1-1-1991 (Rs.)	Present Price (Rs.)
1, Chloramphenicol Powder	1300/Kg.	1300/Kg.
2, Pencillin G	695/BU	830/BU
3, Streptomycin Sulphate	1154/Kg.	1315/Kg.
4, Tetracycline Hcl.	1022/Kg.	1095/Kg.

Decontrol of Glybenclamide

1322. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1669 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 12th September, 1991 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that decontrol of Glybenclamide was not covered under any of the exclusion criteria of Kelkar Committee;

(b) whether it is also a fact that after decontrol, the company doubled up its price and reaped a benefit of Rupees three Crores per annum;

(c) what was the price before decontrol and what is the price now;

(d) what was the price of bulk drug and MAPE taken in the break up submitted by the company under price decontrol as per the provision of DPCO, 1981; and

(e) what steps have been taken to rectify the anomaly?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) Glybenclamide has been price decontrolled on the specific recommendation of the Kelkar Committee made in its Supplementary Report which was accepted by the then Government.

(b) to (d) The price of Glybenclamide Tablets (5mg per Tablet) had been fixed at Rs. 8.88 (without excise duty) for 10x10's pack under DPCO, 1987. As per the information made available to the Government by the company in April, 1991, its price is Rs. 19.00 (without excise duty). The company has taken the price of bulk drug Glybenclamide at Rs. 4995 per kg. and MAPE at 175 per cent.

(e) The recommendations of the Standing Committee with regard to the inclusion/exclusion of bulk drugs from the purview of DPCO, 1987 are still under examination of the Government.

Increase in Prices of Certain Medicines

1323. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that manufacturers of Imidil Skin Cream 1 per cent 5 gm., Fluthane 250 ml., intravel Sodium 1 gm, Festal Dregees 10's pack Eltroxin pack of 100, Dilosyn Expestorant, Testiviron Depot 250 mg per ml. have increased their prices without any justification;

(b) what is the names of the manufacturer of each medicine and what is the bulk drug on which each medicine is based;

(c) what is the indication for which each medicine is being marketed and what is the composition of each;

(d) what was the price of each medicine and bulk drug on which each medicine is baged before DPCO, 1987 and what is the present price; and

(e) what is the Material cost and MAPE taken by each manufacturer for each products as submitted under provision of price control?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) All these formulations are out of price control. In case of unusual increase in the price of a non-scheduled formulation, Government intervenes to bring it to a reasonable level. This intervention, however can be enforced only when the pre-tax return on the sales turnover of the company exceeds the limits mentioned in the Fifth Schedule to DPCO, 1987.

(b) and (c) These details are available in MIMS India, which is a priced publication.

(d) and (e) To the extent available, information has been given in the Annexure. (See Appendix CLXI, Announre No. 34).

No Reduction in Prices of Formulations based on Analgin

1324. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 652 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 5th September, 1991 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that for over ten months the prices of formulations based on Analgin were not reduced;

(b) whether it is a fact that such an action has given undue benefit to the producers;

(c) whether it is a fact that provision of DPEA has been abolished in DPCO. 1987; and